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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)
Ronald J. Stephens, et al.)
Serial No. 10/681,468)
Filed: October 8, 2003)
For: PORTABLE CLEANING)
MACHINE)

Group Art Unit 1744
Examiner: Terrence R. Till

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 5, 2006, the Applicants, through their attorney, respond as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.